REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT- RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

DR. KARAN SINGH (NCT of Delhi): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs (Fourteenth Lok Sabha):

1. Sixth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2005-2006) of the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs; and
2. Seventh Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants (2005-2006) of the Ministry of External Affairs.

DISCUSSION ON THE WORKING OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES - *Contd.*

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI) : Sir, I am thankful to you for giving me the opportunity to respond to the debate on the working of the Ministry of Water Resources. Sir, the UPA policy is quite different from the policy of the NDA regime. *...(Interruptions)...* Irrigation will receive the highest investment priority and all on-going projects will be completed according to a strict time-schedule.

Re. STATEMENT MADE BY THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RAILWAYS IN THE HOUSE

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is your point of order? *...(Interruptions)...* He is on a point of order. *...(Interruptions)...*

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Jharkhand) : Sir, what is this? *...(Interruptions)...* You said; "You will allow me."

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please speak.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, I wish to raise an issue in this House. Yesterday, a statement was read on behalf of the Railway Minister by the hon. Minister of State for Railways in this House. I have a copy, Sir, here, of the statement. *...(Interruptions)...*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Narayanasamy, I have permitted him to speak. Please listen to him. ...*(Interruptions)*... I have permitted him. It is your duty to listen to him. ...*(Interruptions)*...

प्रो. राम देव भंडारी (बिहार) : उपसभापति जी, रेल मंत्री जो बयान देंगे, इनको पूछकर देंगे क्या?

श्री उपसभापति : भंडारी जी, आप बैठिए ...**(व्यवधान)**... I will give you an opportunity. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, the House is not functioning ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry) : Mr. Yashwant Sinha, it is not your prerogative. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Who are you to stop me, if Mr. Deputy Chairman has permitted me? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Narayanasamy, please sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: If Mr. Deputy Chairman has permitted me, who are you to stop me? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Narayanasamy, please sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*... I will hear you also. ...*(Interruptions)*... He has every right to speak. ...*(Interruptions)*.... Mr. Narayanasamy, please sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*... आप बोलिए ...**(व्यवधान)**... अगर आप कुछ बोलना चाहते हैं तो, let your side be in order.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, my side of the House is in order. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Your side of the House is not in order. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, let me make it very plain that when it happened on the 19th, you permitted me to raise an issue in this House and I was repeatedly interrupted. I was not allowed to speak. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, what is the matter?

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, the matter is that I have given, in the morning, a notice to the Chairman to be allowed to raise an issue in the

House. As I was mentioning, this relates to the statement which was made on behalf of the hon. Railway Minister by the hon. Minister of State for Railways in this House. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI RAJU PARMAR (Gujarat) : That is wrong. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, please. Let me hear him ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, what is this? ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me hear him. ...*(Interruptions)*... Prof. Ram Deo Bhandary, please. ...*(Interruptions)*... भंडारी जी, प्लीज, आप जरा बैठिए ...**(व्यवधान)**... Let the Chair understand what the hon. Member wants to say. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, this is a very important issue. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have given a notice to the Chairman regarding certain statements made by the hon. Minister of State for Railways in this House. You have given a notice. The Chairman has not permitted. ...*(Interruptions)*... I will find out from the Chairman what exactly the thing is. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, this is an important issue. You have said ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ (Uttaranchal) : He has permitted him to raise the issue in the House. ...*(Interruptions)*... एक मिनट, उन्होंने यहाँ से बोलते हुए कहा कि प्रश्न काल के बाद अगर उठाएँ तो क्या फर्क पड़ जाएगा, प्रश्न काल चलने दीजिए, मैं बाद में इजाजत दूँगा ...**(व्यवधान)**... तो परमिशन दी थी ...**(व्यवधान)**...

श्री उपसभापति : सवाल इतना ही है ...**(व्यवधान)**... सवाल इतना ही है ...**(व्यवधान)**... According to you, there are certain objectionable statements made in the House. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: No, I have not said that. I have not been allowed to say that. ...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, you are anticipating. ...*(Interruptions)*... I have not even spoken about. ...*(Interruptions)*... This is what happens in this House. ...*(Interruptions)*... If this is what happens in this House, then I am sorry. ...*(Interruptions)*... The voice of the Opposition is being gagged. ...*(Interruptions)*... Is this democracy? ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA (Jharkhand) : Sir, you listen to him. ...*(Interruptions)*... You said that you would listen to him. ...*(Interruptions)*... You listen to him first. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ahluwalia, I am listening to him. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Ahluwalia, do not interrupt. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*... I will listen to him. ...*(Interruptions)*... Why do you get enraged? ...*(Interruptions)*... It will affect your health. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI ANAND SHARMA (Himachal Pradesh) : They had been disturbing the Question Hour. ...*(Interruptions)*... There was no Question Hour. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is a different thing. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Sharma, please sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*... No, this is not right. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Sharma, please sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Sharma, please sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*... I will give you an opportunity. ...*(Interruptions)*... I will give you also an opportunity. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU (Karnataka) : Let them decide whether they want the Opposition or not. ...*(Interruptions)*... We will go out, if they do not want any Opposition at all. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Nobody has a right to say that. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: One word is sufficient. ...*(Interruptions)*... They are not allowing to speak. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have permitted Mr. Yashwant Sinha. ...*(Interruptions)*... Let us have some order in the House. ...*(Interruptions)*... Let us have some order on either side of the House, please. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE (West Bengal) : Sir, why has he to seek permission? ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री उपसभापति : आप बोलिए ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री यशवंत सिन्हा : कैसे बोलें ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री उपसभापति : यह चलता रहेगा ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री यशवंत सिन्हा : ऐसा नहीं चलेगा ...**(व्यवधान)**...

श्री उपसभापति : देखिए, आप भी उठते हैं, ये भी उठते हैं, क्या करें ...**(व्यवधान)**...

Unless the Members cooperate, it is impossible for the Chair to run the House. If both sides are not willing, it is impossible to run the House. It is not a question of one side When they are getting up, you are also getting up. When you are getting up, they are also getting up. What we have to do is to transact the business. If there is any issue, we will discuss it. I have permitted you. Suppose somebody wants to raise something, I will allow him. But let us do business. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH (Andhra Pradesh) : Sir, they should be restrained. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Who has a greater responsibility to ensure. ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI) : Yashwantji, just a minute. Sir, my question is, you have allowed the hon. Member to speak on a point of order.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: No, I did not say that. ...*(Interruptions)*... You got it wrong. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI: If I am wrong, I may be corrected. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: You are wrong. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI: I thought the point of order was relating to this subject. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Sir, you first allow him to speak. ...*(Interruptions)*...You first allow him to speak.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ahluwalia, you are a senior Member. Don't direct the Chair. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please don't direct the Chair.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, first listen to me.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will listen to him and then ...*(Interruptions)*... **यस आप बोलिए, क्या बोलना है इसमें?**

श्री एस. एस. अहलुवालिया : इसमें क्या बोलना है? ...**(व्यवधान)**...

SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI: Sir, I am thankful to the hon. Members...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, the UPA Government ...*(Interruptions)*... I would further like to say ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: What is he doing? ...*(Interruptions)*... It is not fair. They are not allowing me to speak. ...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, I am going to raise an issue in the House which is of great public importance. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI: Then an issue was raised... ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री उपसभापति : मैं मौका दूंगा ...**(व्यवधान)**... आप वैल में मत आइए ...**(व्यवधान)**... सीट पर जाइए। ...**(व्यवधान)**...

श्री यशवंत सिन्हा : सर, यह क्या कर रहे हैं?

श्री उपसभापति : यह ठीक है? क्या जो आप कर रहे हैं, वह सही है? ...**(व्यवधान)**... यह बताइए? ...**(व्यवधान)**... उन्हें रिप्लायी करना है। ...**(व्यवधान)**...

SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI: Sir, I now come to ...*(Interruptions)*... I am happy to inform the House ...*(Interruptions)*... The Prime Minister has...*(Interruptions)*...The Task Force ...*(Interruptions)*... It started the work...*(Interruptions)*...That will be taken...*(Interruptions)*...The only thing is...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record, except the statement of the hon. Minister. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI: Sir, I am grateful to the...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: We are unable to hear him ...*(Interruptions)*... We had participated in the debate ...*(Interruptions)*... And we are unable to hear what he says ...*(Interruptions)*...

DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR (Andhra Pradesh) : There is no order in the House ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI: In so far as ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record except the Minister's speech ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI: As far as irrigation projects are concerned, the Government took a decision ...*(Interruptions)*... We will give

the technical assistance...(*Interruptions*)...After completing the feasibility report, ...(*Interruptions*)... We are happy to inform you...(*Interruptions*)...as regards river linking projects, ...(*Interruptions*)...we are absolutely confident...(*Interruptions*)...

With these words, I thank all the Members who participated in the debate ...(*Interruptions*)... At this juncture, ...(*Interruptions*)... With these words, I conclude ...(*Interruptions*) ..

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned to meet at 2.00 p.m.

The House then adjourned at eighteen minutes past twelve of the clock.

The House re-assembled after lunch at two of the clock,

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

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Statement made on 25.04.2005 relating to Sabarmati Express accident

विपक्ष के नेता (श्री जसवन्त सिंह) : माननीय डिप्टी चेयरमैन साहब, जो कुछ भी मुझे निवेदन करना है, वह बहुत ही संकोच से और खेद से मैं निवेदन कर रहा हूँ। सदन में, सदन के बाहर, पिछले दो-तीन दिनों में जो कुछ भी हुआ है, मुझे नहीं लगता कि यह किसी प्रकार से देश, या जो हमारी व्यवस्था है उसके लिए, या जो हमने प्रणाली अपनाई है उसके लिए एक स्वस्थ परंपरा दर्शाता है या सही मार्ग है। अभी मैं इसका ज्यादा विश्लेषण इसलिए नहीं कर रहा क्योंकि हम यह आज का ही विचार कर लें तो बहुत। कल माननीय रेल मंत्री द्वारा एक वक्तव्य हुआ था, उस वक्तव्य में कुछ बातें कही गई थीं, जो हमारी ओर के सदस्यों का विचार था कि ठीक नहीं है। मेरे वरिष्ठ सदस्य, सहयोगी और मित्र माननीय यशवंत जी ने जब चेयरमैन साहब की अनुमति से खड़े होकर अपनी बात रखनी चाही, तो आपत्ति हुई सत्ता पक्ष के लोगों को और उन लोगों के द्वारा विरोध प्रकट किया गया। आपने भी फिर यशवंत जी को बैठा दिया और सत्ता पक्ष को कहा कि आप कह दें, जो कुछ भी, जिस विषय का भी जवाब हुआ।

महोदय, रेलवे का एक्सीडेंट हो, चर्चा हो, उस पर रेलवे के जो भी मंत्री हों, वे अपना एक वक्तव्य देते हैं, यह सदैव से होता आ रहा है, परन्तु रेल मंत्री उस वक्तव्य में कुछ अन्य बातें जोड़ें या उससे पहले जो कैबिनेट है, वह रात को मिलकर निर्णय कर लें कि उसमें दोषी कौन है, ऐसा कभी नहीं देखा। मैं उल्लेख नहीं करना चाहता था, फिर भी सन् 1997 में जो रेल मंत्री थे, अब वे केन्द्रीय मंत्रिमंडल में हैं, राम विलास पासवान जी, उस समय रेल का एक्सीडेंट हुआ। जब वे वहां गए, तो विरोध प्रकट किया गया था और उन पर हमला भी हुआ था। हम यह नहीं कहते कि कहीं भी, किसी पर भी हमला हो, वह सही है। कहीं भी, किसी पर भी हमला होगा, वह गलत है। परन्तु, तथ्य तो मालूम हों, हम चाहते क्या थे? हमने यही निवेदन किया था कि माननीय रेल मंत्री द्वारा जो वक्तव्य दिया गया, उसमें एक चौथा पैराग्राफ है, जिसमें ऐसी संस्थाओं का उल्लेख है, जिन संस्थाओं का कोई प्रतिनिधि यहां उपस्थित नहीं, क्या उनका उल्लेख होना चाहिए या नहीं होना चाहिए? जो व्यक्ति संसद में सदस्य न हो, साधारणतया